Executive Bio

Michael Conlin

Chief Data Officer, US Department of Defense

As Chief Data Officer, DoD, Mr. Conlin is responsible for DoD-wide management, analytics, and governance of data, to meet the needs of DoD leaders for timely, reliable answers to critical business questions in support of the National Defense Strategy. As the Director of the OUDS, OCMO Data Insights Directorate, Conlin is driving the development of a Shared Service that enhances speed to insight by applying advanced analytics, machine learning and Artificial Intelligence.

Conlin is a career technologist, with 20+ years of professional experience on five continents. He has served organizations in numerous industries, business domains, technical domains, and government functions. He helps C-level Executives refine their IT Strategies for Reform, business innovation and digital transformation.

Conlin has served high-tech firms and technology organizations in a range of roles from executive to individual performer. A serial entrepreneur, he has founded and participated in numerous start-ups.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Conlin lives in the Washington DC area with his wife and children. His avocations include: blacksmith; cook; enamellist, gaffer; goldsmith; lamp worker; lapidary; and poet.